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Housing, meal allowances rise

By Eric W. Cramer

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers will see an increase in their basic allowance for housing, designed to reduce or eliminate their out-of-pocket housing costs, with their first January paychecks.

The meal allowance for Soldiers is also set to increase.

Col. Gerald Barrett, chief of the Compensation and Entitlement Division in the Department of the Army's G-1, said the increases have already been "loaded" in to the Defense Finance and Accounting System.

"The goal was to achieve average zero out-of-pocket by '05," Barrett said, "and we've been able to do that."

Lt. Col. Rick Tillotson, a compensation analyst in Barrett's division, said the allowance is based on local median housing costs.

"Say we've surveyed the area and found that, for a warrant officer 3, who is entitled to a three-bedroom house, the housing costs near a given installation average \$1,000 a month. If he rents a house for \$950, he will still get \$1,000. If the house he chooses to rent costs \$1,200, he'll have to pay \$200 out of his own pocket," Tillotson said.

Tillotson said the rates don't decrease as the former Variable Housing Allowance once did.

"It used to be, a Soldier living off post would be authorized, say, \$1,000 a month, and then find a place for \$950," Tillotson said. "Then, when the next survey came around they'd turn that data in and the VHA would reduce to that lower amount. It gradually decreased the housing allowance. It was a 'death spiral' that led Soldiers toward substandard housing."

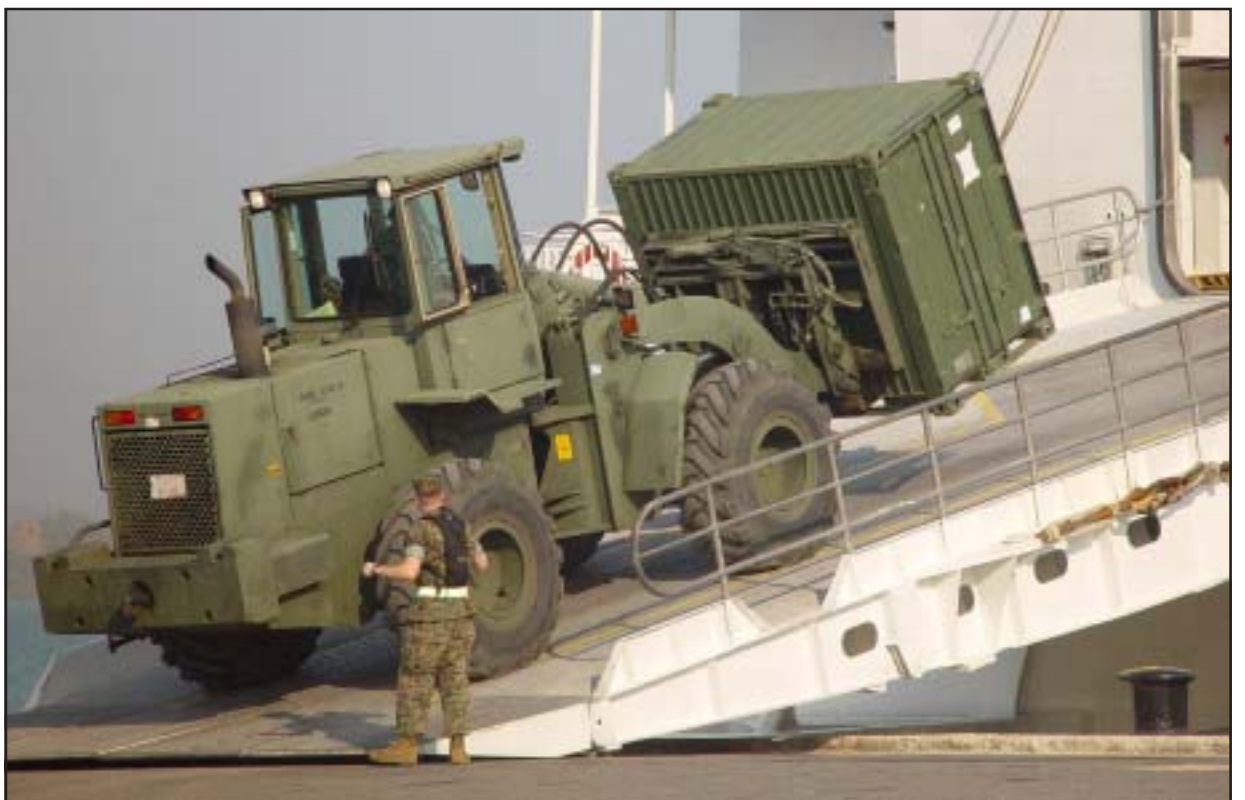
Barrett said the median housing estimates are done by installations in conjunction with Runzheimer International, an international management consulting firm that works with installations to establish median values each year. Rates are then calculated for each pay grade.

Data are collected annually for about 400 Military Housing Areas in the United States.

"The individual commands participate in the process; for example, they can exclude an area from the cost survey because it is a bad neighborhood," said Deborah Holman, Barrett's deputy. "The local command can then be sure that the median isn't based on substandard housing."

Components included in the computation are: median rent in the market; average utilities including electricity, heat and water and sewer; and average renter's insurance.

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DoD Photo

A Marine from the 7th Communications Battalion, Okinawa, Japan, assists 599th Deployment and Distribution Support Team members by guiding a fork lift down the ramp of a High Speed Vessel at the Port of Chuk Samet, Thailand.

Korea servicemembers help handle relief supplies

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — An Army transportation team with staff from Korea, Hawaii and Japan is overseeing all operations at the Port of Laem Chabang, Thailand, as six ships from the Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron Three begin delivery of relief supplies.

The ships carry enough equipment and supplies to support 15,000 Marines for 30 days, according to the Military Sealift Command. In addition to expeditionary Marine Corps combat equipment; the ships carry food, fuel, medical supplies, construction and road building equipment, electrical power generating equipment, airfield matting and a Navy field hospital.

The 599th Deployment and Distribution Support Team is made up of civilians and service members from Headquarters 599th, Hawaii; 595th (Provisional), Southwest Asia; and subordinate units from the 835th Transportation Battalion, Okinawa, Japan; 836th Transportation Battalion, Yokohama, Japan; and, 837th Transportation Battalion, Pusan, Korea, are joining together to form the 599th Deployment and Distribution Support Team.

The 599th DDST will serve as the U.S. Pacific Command's single port manager in current

humanitarian aid efforts for the region.

According to Lt. Col. Drefus Lane, 599th DDST and 836th Trans. Battalion commander, the joining of forces is a true testament to the abilities of SDDC.

"Even though each of the members has a specific role they carry out at their home station, as they come together you see the true range of their skills and understanding for the SDDC mission," he said. "These guys are helping expand each others expertise, all while providing the best possible service to the customer."

"They've been able to form one team without missing a beat," Lane said.

As part of the delivery process, the 599th DDST will provide disaster-relief troops and their commanders with 100 percent in-transit visibility through the use of radio frequency identification tags.

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Guerrero, from the 835th Transportation, Battalion said, "As each piece of required equipment is discharged from the ship, it will be marked with an RFID tag. Then the tag will be scanned and imported into the Worldwide Port System, where commanders can track the equipment

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Tsunami relief shows peacetime value of our military

By Staff Sgt. Mark Porter

Korea Region Public Affairs

Being a member of the military today is enough to give a person a multiple personality disorder. When we act as a fighting force we are often characterized as nothing more than a club used by politicians to beat other nations into submission. Then, when something horrific, such as the tragedy related to the tsunamis in Asia happens, we transition to a humanitarian organization and are welcomed with open arms.

Our involvement in Iraq is unpopular in many places around the world and I think I understand why. I believe some of the fear stems from the idea that, as the world's only superpower, the United States can make its own rules. Maybe to some people it looks like that is what has happened in Iraq.

Anyone who shares this fear need only look at our history. America has never been one to go in search of a fight. In fact, with very few exceptions we have entered combat only in defense of our country, or at the urging of our allies. We are rarely around when the first blow is struck but we are usually there when the conflict ends.

A look at our military history will bring another trend into focus: That we do not only deploy in times of war.

Over the past 25 years America has offered much

more than cover fire to our global neighbors. Though all militaries are obviously created with combat in mind — ideally as a deterrent to combat — America's armed forces have answered countless times to calls of help from around the world.

In fact, I think it is our peacetime missions that illustrate the very best to be found in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. A good example of this can be seen right now in the nations devastated by the the recent tsunamis.

Nearly every day since the Dec. 26 tsunamis, American servicemembers have been working to aid the victims of the tragedy. In the 10 days that followed the tsunamis U.S. military efforts delivered more than 639,000 pounds of relief supplies, and military pilots flew more than 450 missions to bring relief to the region. Since that time even more men and women, more aircrafts and ships have arrived in Asia, bringing relief supplies, equipment and expertise to help the recovery effort.

U.S. troops, along with civilian volunteers and military personnel from other countries, are doing what America's Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have always done: helped those in need.

President George W. Bush acknowledged this Monday when he said, "... I want to thank our troops

who are presenting the best of America.

"Like in so many other places, those who wear our uniform are showing the great decency of America, and I thank them for that," the president said. "I can't tell you how much our government and the people of America appreciate the good work our military is doing to help relieve the suffering from the crisis."

When you think about it, our military's diversity is amazing. That any organization could carry out so many different missions in so many locations around the world seems impossible.

It is a testament not only to the organization's capabilities, but to the men and women who voluntarily fill its ranks. When I watch television stories of the tsunami relief, I am always proud to see a military uniform visible in the crowd, to know a U.S. servicemember is helping in any way they can.

This is the face of the U.S. military I hope the world remembers. When, years from now, people think back to 2005 I know they will remember that our forces were in Iraq. But, I hope they also remember what we did following the tsunamis.

You always here about the glory of war but there is just as much glory in aid missions. I think the real glory and greatness of our military shines brightest not in combat, but in caring.



MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the past several weeks military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

■ Three Soldiers were having drinks at an off-post bar, when Soldier #1 reached over the female Soldier's shoulder and touched her breast area without consent. The third Soldier became upset and a verbal altercation ensued, which turned physical when Soldier #1 struck the third Soldier with a closed fist several times in the face and chest area. He then fled the scene. A Korean National civilian intervened to stop the Soldier from fleeing and was pushed to the ground. The Soldier was apprehended by the Korean National Police and then released into military police custody. He was administered a series of field sobriety tests, which he failed and was then transported to a local medical facility where he was administered a command-directed blood alcohol test with results pending. The Soldier was advised of his legal rights, which he invoked, requesting a lawyer. Investigation continues by KNP.

■ Investigation disclosed two Soldiers were involved in a verbal altercation in the barracks which turned physical when one pushed the other. The first Soldier then

grabbed the second Soldier by the neck at which time the second Soldier bit him and then she ran from the room to the Charge of Quarters desk. The first Soldier attempted to leave the scene but was detained by CQ personnel until the arrival of the military police. Both Soldiers were apprehended and transported to the MP station where they were administered a series of field sobriety tests which they failed. They were then transported to a local medical facility where they were administered a command-directed blood alcohol test with results pending. Both were advised of their legal rights which they waived rendering a written sworn statement attesting to the incident.

■ Larceny. Military police were notified of a larceny of Army and Air Force Exchange Service property. Investigation disclosed that two juveniles were observed over closed circuit television walking into a changing room with four pairs of jeans and exiting the changing room with only two. They then proceeded to exit the store without rendering proper payment for items in their possession. The two juveniles were detained by store security personnel until arrival of the military police. The two juveniles were then transported to the military police station where with sponsors present they were advised of their legal rights, which they waived rendering a written sworn statement attesting to the incident. All property was returned to AAFES. Investigation continues by MPI.

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160th SOAR Recruiting

The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment "Night Stalkers" are looking for qualified aviators to fill positions in the nation's only special operations aviation regiment. Anyone interested in flying today's newest and most advanced aircraft, and working with highly trained and motivated Soldiers should contact the 160th SOAR recruiting office at RECRUITERS@SOAR.ARMY.MIL or call 270-798-9819 (DSN 635-9819).

Commissary Offers Scholarships

The deadline to apply for the Scholarships for Military Children program is Feb. 6. Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are due at a commissary by close of business on that date. Applications are available at all commissaries, or online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. They are also available through a scholarship link at <http://www.commissaries.com>, the Web site for Defense Commissary Agency. The scholarship program is open to children of military retirees, active-duty, and Guard and Reserve servicemembers. Eligibility information is available at the program Web site. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

121 Clinics Open

The 121st General Hospital has opened the Ambulatory Care, Pediatrics and Occupational Therapy clinics Monday. The new main entrance is located on the north side of the hospital. Patients and hospital personnel may access the entire facility from this entrance. There is also a new patient parking lot adjacent to the new entrance. The original parking lot will remain open for additional patient and staff parking. Procedures to schedule an appointment in any of the clinics has not changed. Clinic telephone numbers will remain the same. All patients will enter through the new main entrance for all hospital business.

Road Work

A Library Drainage Project will close one lane of 8th Army Drive near the library through Feb. 1. Drivers should expect delays in this area.

Sexual Assault Web Site

The Army launched a Web site at www.sexualassault.army.mil, to promote steps leaders and Soldiers at all levels can take to prevent and respond to instances of potential sexual assault. The site includes links to Training and Doctrine Command training materials.

Job Vacancy For Inspector General

The Inspector General's office for the 8th U.S. Army and U.S. Forces Korea are looking for qualified Soldiers, sergeant first class or promotable in the following specialties: 42L, 42A, 11B, 31B and 31K. Also, officers in the rank of captain to lieutenant colonel are encouraged to apply. For information, call 723-4007 or e-mail bryants@korea.army.mil

Estate Claim Notice

A summary court martial officer has been appointed to oversee the estate of Thomas L. Knipper, who died Oct. 27. Knipper was a program analyst with Far East District. Anyone with a claim against his estate may call Jason Kim, at 721-7247.

Kunsan leaders, airmen battle human trafficking

By Airman 1st Class Juanika Glover

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR FORCE BASE — At this very moment, somewhere in the world a young woman is being approached by someone with an offer for a better life. The offer will be too good to resist and she will put her trust in someone she barely knows.

She will be taken on a long journey to a foreign place and when she arrives she is told she owes a large sum of money for the journey. To pay her debt back, she will be forced to do things she doesn't want to. She feels afraid, homesick and hopeless. She can't speak the language and doesn't know how to get help. So, she reluctantly accepts her new life as a slave.

This young woman's situation is called human trafficking and it's the most modern form of slavery. Although slavery is illegal in most parts of the world, more than 700,000 men, women and children are trafficked around the world each year.

Traffickers typically prey on poor, unemployed people who don't have strong support. Victims are often lured with false promises of good employment and better circumstances, but are then tricked or forced into working under inhumane conditions. Predominantly, women are often forced into prostitution.

According to a White House press release, President George W. Bush recently passed a national security directive to aid the United States in fighting against trafficking in persons. The president also mandated a directive stating that the United



States armed forces would not support human trafficking.

In response to the directives, Kunsan Air Base leadership have begun working toward ensuring Wolf Pack Airmen are not associated with establishments in Kunsan that have human trafficking indicators, said Lt. Col. Kenneth Holliday, 8th Security Forces Squadron commander.

"We have issued a statement to local bar owners, which outlines certain things that will not be tolerated or supported by Kunsan Air Base," Holliday said. "Those activities that won't be tolerated include bar fines, ticket sales, the employment of girls often referred to as 'juicy girls,' and foreign nationals under an E6-3 visa, which is typically used for entertainers entering South Korea.

"Kunsan is taking a lead in this

directive," he said. "Our Armed Forces Security Control Board issued a memorandum to the local bar owners association saying if after Jan. 28 their bar still has indicators of human trafficking, it will be placed off limits to all Department of Defense personnel."

The colonel said in response to the statement, the local bar owners were obviously concerned.

"They will definitely have to make some adjustments to their business model," Holliday said. "However we've gone over some options that they could consider, which are different from what they are doing now."

The colonel said some options the local bar owners might want to consider are opening jazz lounges or American-style sports bars, which are very popular in the United States.

"This initiative is important to (base officials), because human trafficking is contrary to human rights, our core values and what we stand for," Holliday said.

Human trafficking isn't just a concern of base officials but is also being looked at very closely by Kunsan City law enforcement officials.

"In September, a Korean 'no prostitution/sex trade law' was passed," Holliday said. "We are working closely with our Korean counterparts to combat the problem of human trafficking.

"Our main concern is more about the well being of our airmen and Soldiers than about the local bars themselves. We've noticed some

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Ready to roll



PHOTOS BY ROGER EDWARDS

(Above) Soldiers of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment undergo medical screenings in preparation for deployment to Indonesia. Deployed units will become part of Combined Joint Task Force 536, a joint and combined expeditionary force of troops and equipment from around the world. CJTF 536 will coordinate military relief efforts in the region in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, host nations and humanitarian relief agencies as part of the overall multi-national relief effort.

(Above right) Soldiers from B Company, 168th Medical Battalion, pack vehicle parts for transport to Medan, Indonesia, in support of humanitarian relief efforts for victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami that struck the region. Several Korea-based U.S. military units are preparing for possible deployment in support of the ongoing relief mission. Preparing to deploy are units specializing in medical treatment, evacuation and logistics, aviation, and runway repair support from U.S. Forces Korea's 8th U.S. Army and 7th Air Force.

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On average, the housing allowance will increase by 8 percent in 2005, to cover a 4.5 percent increase in housing costs nationwide. An E-8 with dependents will receive about \$60 more in his/her paycheck; E-4 with dependents will have about \$47 more. Again, officials said that's an average increase and doesn't necessarily reflect what every individual Soldier may see.

An important part of the untaxed benefit is that it provides individual rate protection to all service members, officials said. No matter what happens to housing costs, an individual member will not see a rate decrease. This protects service members who have long-term leases or contracts if housing costs in their areas decrease.

"The BAH program is a very fair and effective program to allow Soldiers to live in the area to which they are assigned," Barrett said.

Sidney Keyes, Finance Policy Division, 175th Finance Battalion, said these changes will not affect the Overseas Housing Allowance received by Soldiers serving in Korea.

"This is only for BHA not OHA," Keyes said. He added, though, that pay changes could in the future for Soldiers stationed in Korea, based on the results of the ongoing Cost of Living Allowance survey.

"Data from the ongoing COLA survey may warrant changes to the COLA index based upon baseline data collected. These changes would be effective mid March at the earliest," he said, adding. "If the WON continues to gain strength the Per Diem Committee will process COLA adjustments as required."

The COLA survey may be completed at <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil/>.

Holman said the BAS program has been through several changes over the years. In January, the rate increased by 5 percent to monthly rates of \$267.18 for enlisted members and \$183.99 for officers.

"It's been through several changes," she said. "Currently, increases are based on food prices determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

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as it makes its way to the final destination."

The visibility of equipment offered by the RFID system gives commanders greater access to their assets. Additionally, the system provides accountability for the resources being utilized for many different aspects of the humanitarian operation.

On Jan. 9, members of the 599th DDST assisted with the arrival of the first group of military vehicles to join the tsunami relief efforts.

The Westpac Express High Speed Vessel discharged more than 90 Marines and 75 pieces of equipment at the Port of Chuk Samet under the 599th management.

The Marines from the 7th Communications Battalion, Okinawa, Japan, brought the first humvees, cargo trucks and fork lifts to support Operation Unified Assistance, said Fred Artis, 599th DDST Operations Officer from the 835th Transportation Battalion, Japan.

The equipment is on its way to areas requiring ground support, such as Sri Lanka and Samantra.

The Port of Chuk Samet is normally operated by members of the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command during exercises and operations in Thailand, said Artis. "So, our presence here is vital, because we have vast knowledge and understanding for the port's capabilities."

With extensive knowledge of the port, members of the 599th DDST created checkpoints for the Marines and their cargo to ensure the cargo was tracked correctly.

"The main function for us today was to ensure an accurate count of the discharged equipment and cargo," said Sgt. 1st Class Frank Viray, Headquarters, 599th Transportation Group.

"The information will then be entered into the Worldwide Port System, where commanders will be able to have 100 percent in-transit visibility of these resources."

More Korea-based units are now preparing for possible deployment in support of relief efforts.

(Editor's note: Compiled from DDSC releases.)

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activities that could be indicators of human trafficking and we're doing what it takes to combat the problem."

In a July 18 press conference, President Bush said human trafficking was one of the worst offenses against human dignity.

"Human life is the gift of our creator and it should never be for sale," the president said. "It takes a special kind of depravity to exploit and hurt the most vulnerable members of society. Human traffickers rob (people) of their

innocence, they expose them to the worst life. Traffickers tear families apart. They treat their victims as nothing more than goods and commodities for sale to the highest bidder.

"Our nation is determined to fight that crime abroad and at home," the president said. If Kunsan airmen continue to be aware of the human trafficking indicators and report violations, they will be doing their part to win the battle against human trafficking.

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PHOTOS BY PFC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Audrea Ulmer, of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, welcomes troops with a smile during the opening number of their show Dec. 15.

Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders give Warriors holiday spirit

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs

CAMP CASEY — The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders show team visited Area I troops here Dec. 15 as part of a two-week USO Christmas tour.

The visit started at the USO building, where the ladies mingled with troops, giving autographs and taking photos with Soldiers and their families.

"It's wonderful," said Pfc. Chester Perez, Battery D, 55th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, who got several autographs and pictures with the girls. "It's a good opportunity to meet the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders. It's rare to see them up close."

The cheerleaders enjoyed talking to the troops as much as the troops enjoyed talking to them.

"This is my second year here," said Candace Montez, one of the cheerleaders. "I was here last Christmas. It's

really awesome. It feels good to visit the troops. I know they're away from their families, so if we can bring them just a little extra cheer, that's what we'll do."

And bring cheer they did, said Spc. David Motley, Battery D, 55th ADA.

"It is hard for us over here away from our families," he said. "This gives us a little taste of home."

While the troops made it clear they appreciated the cheerleaders' efforts, the cheerleaders tried to show their appreciation for what the troops do.

"The Soldiers have been wonderful and very grateful," said Audrea Ulmer, who was on her third tour in Korea. "It's funny, because when we come, people thank us for coming. But they don't realize that we get more fulfilled than they do. It is such an honor to come here."

The cheerleaders followed

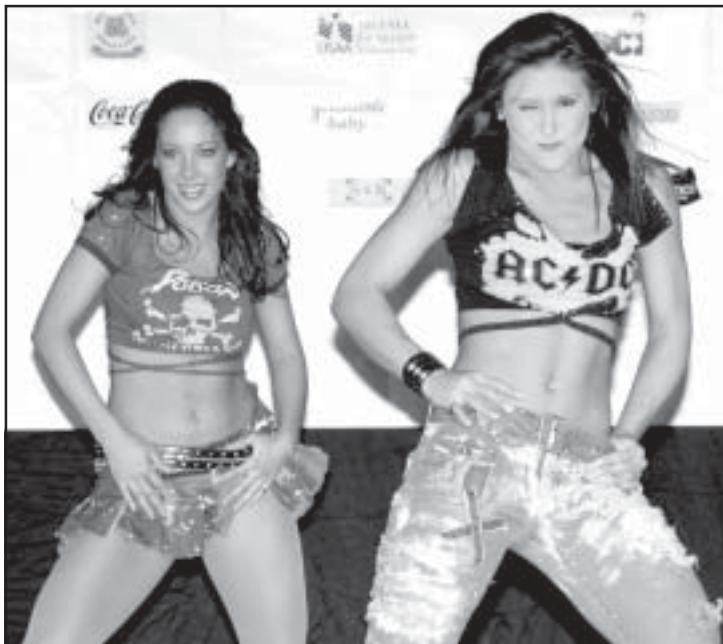
the autograph session with a show that evening at Carey Physical Fitness Center.

"It's a variety show, with all different styles of dancing and singing," Ulmer explained. "We incorporate the audience and ask their participation. That becomes the best part of the show."

In the audience, Soldiers clamored for the opportunity to get onstage with the cheerleaders, and whooped in appreciation when the ladies came down into the audience. The team danced and sang for the troops for an hour and a half, offering many different styles of music and choreography. Several Soldiers got the chance to win prizes, such as Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders calendars and T-shirts, by correctly answering trivia questions.

"It's great," said 1st Lt.

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Above: A Soldier wins a calendar and a hug from Laura Beke Dec. 15.

Left: Micaela Johnson (left) and Laura Beke entertain troops with a rock 'n' roll dance medley.



Hundreds of Camp Casey Enclave Soldiers attend the Dec. 15 Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders performance.



Cheerleader Liz Porter steps off the stage to meet the audience.

NEWS & NOTES

Volunteer of the Quarter Luncheon

Area I Army Community Service will host the 1st Quarter Volunteer and Volunteer Unit Luncheon and Awards Ceremony 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wed. at the Camp Casey Warrior's Club. The cost of the luncheon is \$7.95. All registered volunteers eat free.

Bataan Memorial Qualifier March

The 8th U.S. Army Bataan Memorial qualifier march will start at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday. Registration is from 6 - 8:15 a.m. The 13-mile race is open to all active-duty military personnel assigned to 8th U.S. Army installations. For information, contact the Warrior Sports office at 732-6276.

Holiday Seminars

The education centers at camps Red Cloud and Stanley are offering Good Cheer and Eager Student seminars over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. For schedules and information, contact your education center.

RESUMIX Training

RESUMIX training will be conducted 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Jan. 21 in the Camp Red Cloud Civilian Personnel Advisory Center classroom in Bldg T-909. The program focuses on how to complete the RESUMIX process. U.S. employees interested in attending the class should e-mail name, organization and job position to HankU@korea.army.mil.

Leadership Development Course

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will hold the Leadership Education and Development course Jan. 24-28 at the Camp Casey Education Center. Also please submit your Individual Development Plan along with a DD 1556. The IDP is mandatory for all KORO employees.

FAST Class Postponed

The Camp Red Cloud Education Center has postponed the January FAST class for GT-score improvement. They will now hold the class 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 24-28. Interested Soldiers must take the pre-test of adult basic education, which is offered every Monday at 8 a.m. in the education center. Registration for this class ends Jan. 21.

Newcomers Orientation

The Camp Red Cloud Army Community Service will hold its Korea Newcomers Orientation and Welcome 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 26 in the ACS classroom. For information, or to reserve a seat, call 732-7326.

AAFES Facility Closures

The post exchanges on the following installations will be closed this week to conduct inventory:
Wed. - Camp Essayons
Thurs. - Camp Kyle
Fri. - Camp Jackson

Sexual Assault Web Site

The Army launched a Web site at www.sexualassault.army.mil, to promote steps leaders and Soldiers at all levels can take to prevent and respond to instances of potential sexual assault. The site includes links to Training and Doctrine Command training materials.

Sexual harassment impacts mission

By Spc. Chris Stephens

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD — Sexual harassment is a serious issue the Army has been dealing with for many years and will continue to deal with in years to come.

With males and females working together in close quarters and living near each other, there is always the threat of sexual misconduct.

"Sexual harassment is unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated in the division," said Sgt. 1st Class Sherinette Haynes, 2nd Infantry Division equal opportunity advisor.

Sexual harassment is a form of gender discrimination, which involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

A lot of times, it puts the one who's being harassed in an uncomfortable position, Haynes said.

Equal opportunity officials said not only does sexual harassment put the person in an uncomfortable position, it also affects mission readiness.

"It negatively impacts the mission because distracters like the creation of an intimidating and hostile or offensive work environment," Haynes said. "(It also takes) manpower used in the investigative process, rehabilitative assistance for the victim and administrative processing for both the victim and the alleged perpetrator.

"All of these elements take away from commanders' and leaders' focus on training and battlefield maneuvers, when an incident of sexual harassment occurs," she said.

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SPC. CHRIS STEPHENS

Army officials stress zero-tolerance of sexual harassment. Such conduct is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Soldiers explore Western-style mall

By Pfc. Giancarlo Casem

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

SEOUL — The shopping mall has long been a staple of Americana. In the United States, malls seem to be everywhere. But in Korea, it is quite the opposite.

One western-style mall in Seoul seems to beckon to shoppers and provide some of the amenities one would find in an American mall.

The Convention and Exhibition mall, or COEX as it's known, features conference and exhibition facilities, business and press centers, and

American-style shopping and entertainment.

Some Warrior Country Soldiers may feel too far away from anything exciting, but a Seoul subway trip may not be as daunting as it sounds.

From Uijeongbu, a one-hour inexpensive train trip could result in a whole day of Seoul exploration.

The COEX Mall is south of the Han River, near Gangnam. It is on the green line of the Seoul Subway, at Samseong Station, or stop 219.

A round trip to from Uijeongbu Station is about 2,600 Korean won. It

takes three transfers to get there, but it is an easy trip.

Throngs of shoppers swarm through the endless corridors of the COEX Mall. The mall is usually filled with busy shoppers.

The mall covers over 1.2 million sq. ft. and is home to a myriad stores, restaurants and entertainment venues.

There are many specialty and novelty shops, like Korean fashion and knick-knacks. The mall also offers shops with western-style clothing.

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PFC. GIANCARLO CASEM

People walk under the entrance to the Megabox Cineplex at the COEX Mall in Seoul. The theaters show American as well as Korean films.

Garrison reaches out to Korean elderly

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs

UIJEONGBU—Garrison officials visited a retirement home here Dec. 23 as part of the command's community outreach program.

"You are the generation, which remembers most the sacrifices Koreans and Americans made together during the Korean War," Lt. Col. William Huber, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander told the retirees. "You understand the importance of our alliance."

Huber spoke through an interpreter, but the crowd of about 35 responded

to his words with applause and smiles.

Share the Well is home to 104 residents.

Huber said events like this promote the garrison's good neighbor program. Huber presented a stereo system and met with each retiree.

The Uijeongbu Enclave Korean National Employee Union president and the Retiree Association president passed out clothing as well.

"These people really appreciate visits like this," Huber said.

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Lt. Col. William Huber, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander, comforts the Korean elderly Dec. 23. The garrison presented the residents with a stereo and clothing.

A 98-year-old retiree pauses during the visit to reflect. Share the Well is a retirement home for 104 Uijeongbu elderly men and women.

Soldiers visit local orphanage, bring holiday cheer

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs

UIJEONGBU — Garrison Soldiers and civilians made a holiday visit Dec. 13 to a local orphanage.

The group from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud and the 17th Ordnance Battalion brought gifts, candy and goodwill to the children and a new dishwasher for the Kwang Myung Orphanage.

Lt. Col. William Huber, the garrison commander, played Santa Claus by handing out wrapped gifts to the eager children. Soldiers helped them open the packages and play with their new toys, while a group of girls from the orphanage treated their guests to a dance recital.

"The children had a blast," said Capt. James Wright III, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander. "Seeing them smile when they opened up their gifts, and the expressions on their faces when they looked at the American Soldiers, was the best part."

Wright said the visit enhances the Good Neighbor Program, and shows how U.S. forces care about people in the Republic of Korea.

"I think being around children, especially at the holidays, is very important," Wright said, "It gave me a great sense of fulfillment to brighten the lives of children who may be less fortunate, especially since I can't be around my own. This was one of the high points of my 18 months in Korea."

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Pfc. James Hubbard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I, helps an orphan girl open a Christmas present Dec. 13 during the Soldiers' visit to the Kwang Myung Orphanage in Uijeongbu.

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Andrew Applegate, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment. "It definitely helps increase the troops' morale."

Perez agreed, saying, "It helps us stay motivated and gives us something to look forward to."

Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders have been entertaining troops around the world since 1979, when the Department of Defense invited them to be part of the USO Christmas Tour in Korea. Since then, they have done

55 overseas tours to military installations.

This visit was the cheerleaders 26th trip to Korea, but Liz Porter's first overseas tour with the squad.

"I was nervous at first; you want to make sure you're received well," she said. "But I've never had a more rewarding experience in my whole life - and this is only our first day."

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The 2nd Inf. Div. Command team also has stressed to leaders to take immediate corrective action to address inappropriate conduct whenever and wherever it occurs, no matter the rank or title of either individual.

"As a company commander, I have to ensure the chain of command of both Soldiers knows about the incident," said Capt. John Nguyen, C Company, 302nd Forward Support Battalion. "I also submit a commander's inquiry. If both Soldiers are within my chain of command, I then get sworn statements to see what happened and to know if it's a long-standing issue."

"At this time I will also separate the two Soldiers if they are within my company," he said. "If it's an NCO, I will remove them from their position of authority until the conclusion of the investigation. I also don't make any assumptions until the investigation is complete."

A Soldier accused of sexual harassment can be charged with both civil and military laws as criminal acts of a sexual nature under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, Haynes said.

Not only is it punishable by UCMJ,

sexual harassment also goes against the Army's values.

"It is not compatible with the Army's core values of respect for others and professionalism," Haynes said.

Facts about sexual harassment:

■ The victim as well as the harasser may be a woman or a man. The victim does not have to be of the opposite sex. Sexual harassment does happen between members of the same sex.

■ The harasser can be the victim's supervisor, an agent of the employer, a supervisor in another area, a co-worker or a non-employee.

■ The victim does not have to be the person harassed but could be anyone affected by the offensive conduct.

■ Unlawful sexual harassment may occur without economic injury to or discharge of the victim.

■ The harasser's conduct must be unwelcome.

Sexual harassment prevention sites on the Web are <http://www.eeoc.gov/facts/fs-sex.html> and www.army.mil.

(Editor's note: This is the first story in a two-part series.)

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From the anime-inspired novelties of Ani Land to traditional Korean wares, the COEX Mall caters to both young and old.

As with any American mall, the COEX has a food court. The mall was designed with an international clientele in mind; Its restaurants serve Korean food, but other ethnic foods as well.

There are Japanese restaurants with sushi bars, as well as an Italian restaurant and famous American eateries.

Just like any American mall, the COEX has an arcade where people go to take a break from shopping. There is a special area called Game World, where gamers test-drive the latest video games. There are also seats for parents to relax in while their children play.

There is a large book store with English language books and magazines, computer stores, arts and crafts shops, photo studios and a certain famous American coffee shop.

But perhaps the biggest entertainment offering is the Megabox Cineplex. The movie theater offers multiple screens showing the latest

box office hits, both domestic and international. The theater is loaded with the same amenities one would find in the states: surround sound, large comfortable seats and concessions stands.

Aside from the shops, restaurants and theater, the COEX Mall offers its own version of Seaworld.

The COEX Aquarium is a major attraction for shoppers and tourists alike. Sharks and other ocean-dwellers swim before excited onlookers. Be warned, one may not want to spend too much money shopping, as the aquarium has an entrance admission.

The COEX Mall hosts all kinds of exhibitions, from car shows to art exhibits, and computer trade shows to wedding shows.

Information booths relay special event information, such as where it is located and admission price, if any.

The COEX Mall offers plenty of diversions. It is a piece of home for Americans serving in Korea. For Warrior Country Soldiers, the mall is only a matter of minutes away.

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Capt. Joon K. Hong

It is inevitable. Unless you have been living under a rock, you probably have a credit history.

In a world where everything can be paid in installments, you need solid credit. Good credit could be the difference between a 0-percent annual rate and a 20-percent rate.

So how do we build up good credit? Here are the obvious answers: We should pay our bills on time; we should not have a balance that reaches our credit limit. But one thing we should also do, in addition to paying our bills on time, is that we should check our credit report once in awhile to make sure that our credit history accurately reflects our financial status. The Fair Credit Reporting Act is designed to make sure this is the case.

The FCRA is intended to protect us as consumers, and applies to Credit Reporting Agencies. CRAs are companies that record our financial histories. Experian, Equifax and Transunion are three of the largest. They have records of when we paid our bills, or how much outstanding debt we owe. Lenders and employers may request information about your financial history from CRAs, and that is why it is vital that CRAs have up-to-date information. Any error, no matter how small, may affect your credit score, finance rate and even your employment. The FCRA is there to make sure that CRAs follow proper procedure when they give out your financial information to a lender or employer.

The FCRA becomes especially important when an adverse action is taken against you. Adverse actions include denial in employment, denial in credit, or increases in any rates or charges in your account. An adverse action is usually taken because of a negative mark on your credit report. If adverse action is taken against you, you have certain rights under the FCRA.

As a general rule, CRAs can release your credit history to a third party only if you consent to the release. Also, a CRA can release your credit history if they have reasons to believe the person asking for your credit report is involved in credit transactions involving you, or any other issues dealing with your employment, insurance and licenses.

You have a right to dispute any negative marks on your credit report, and CRAs have an obligation to follow certain procedures at your request. In the event an adverse action is taken against you, the company taking the adverse action will probably mail you a letter stating that you have a right to request a report from the CRA. You could then obtain a copy of your report from the CRA for a small fee. After reviewing your report, you have the right to have the CRA investigate

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Itaewon bar owners meet with Area II commander

McNulty awards owners, discusses their concerns

By Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Area II Public Affairs

SEOUL – Members of the Itaewon Bar Association met with the Area II Support Activity Jan. 6 at the King Club in Itaewon.

The 23-member council and Col. Timothy K. McNulty, Area II commander, discussed issues affecting the bar owners and members of U.S. Forces Korea, including revising the curfew time.

McNulty began the meeting by expressing his appreciation for the bar owners' cooperation with USFK requests to curb underage drinking, among other issues. He also communicated his understanding of the position the owners are in, calling it a "give and take" situation.

Before moving on to issues covered by the meeting, McNulty presented each of the owners a certificate of appreciation for their cooperation with him and USFK.

Among the first issues brought up at the meeting was revising curfew times. Bar owners like Kim Sam-sook, owner of Shooters and Grand Ole Opry bars, claim the current curfew is starting to affect her business in a very negative way. She and others asked for the time to be extended an additional hour.

"This is a life or death situation for us," Kim said. "We must have another hour on the curfew."

Kim said the current midnight curfew, which is one hour shorter than the curfew maintained for most of 2004, is causing her to lose money.

In response to the bar owners, McNulty said "We (Area II Support Activity) will continue to work with the senior levels (of leadership in USFK) with the curfew issue. Due to current force protection level



Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Kim Sam-sook, (right) an Itaewon bar owner, voices her opinion on U.S. Forces Korea's relations with the owners of the Itaewon District.

requirements, the curfew will remain in effect."

Bar owners complained that servicemembers are taking their business to locations outside Itaewon that don't adhere to USFK's requests. Requests include checking IDs to ensure that minors aren't illegally consuming alcohol and not serving patrons, including U.S. servicemembers, who are already drunk.

"I talked with (USFK), and they said 'clean up,' so I did," Kim said in an interview after the meeting. "I clean(ed) up and now they do this to me. I've never seen anything like this in (the) 30 years (I've owned a bar.)"

Kim explained that she doesn't

understand the USFK leadership now and that she feels as if she is "going crazy." She added that she will continue to work with USFK to police up those who cause problems in the bars.

McNulty added that he and other Army leaders appreciate the "continued efforts to work with community police."

"The model here is the model for the peninsula to follow," said McNulty. "The steps you have taken to make Itaewon a safe place to visit is what other areas should do."

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New garbage disposal law brings changes for off-post residents in Seoul area

By Pfc. Seo Ki-chul

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN – A new government regulation now requires off-post residents in Seoul to separate food waste from trash.

According to the new regulation, everyone who must dispose of trash has to separate food waste from trash and recyclable items.

City leaders in each of the 25 major districts of Seoul who are responsible for trash disposal must ensure that trash is converted into compost. To complete this task, these officials have required city residents to comply with the new law.

"It is impossible for us to transport domestic garbage mixed with food waste to the capital region landfill," said Park Jang-gyu, mayor of Yongsan-gu. "So, we desperately need residents to comply with the new regulation."

Garbage is picked up by trash collectors who transport the trash to landfills. Collectors who don't have food garbage separated from trash are fined.

"A resident who dumps trash bags containing food waste in a first offense will be assessed six points and fined 50,000 won," said a Ministry of Environment

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Commander's Hotline

Area II residents who have questions or comments for the Area II commander, can voice them by e-mailing areaiitownhall@korea.army.mil or by calling 738-5017.

Security Manager's Course

MSC primary and alternate security manager's courses will be from 8:30 a.m. - noon Jan. 21 in Building 2462. For information, call 723-4007 or e-mail bryants@korea.army.mil.

No-Host Benny Havens Social

West Point graduates are invited to a no-host Benny Havens Social March 5 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. For information, e-mail questions to RoundsM@korea.army.mil or Curriera@korea.army.mil.

USO Tours

The USO hosts a variety of tours around the Republic of Korea. Visit www.uso.org/Korea or call 723-7003, the Camp Kim office in Seoul, for information. Use the prefix 0505 when dialing from off post.

Tours include Panmunjeom and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, Insadong Night Tour and Incheon tours.

Job Vacancy For Inspector General

The Inspector General's office for the 8th U.S. Army and U.S. Forces Korea are looking for qualified Soldiers, sergeant first class or promotable in the following specialties: 42L, 42A, 11B, 31B and 31K. Also, officers in the rank of captain to lieutenant colonel are encouraged to apply. For information, call 723-4007 or e-mail bryants@korea.army.mil

New Off-Post Garbage Disposal

A new food-waste law has been created by the Korean government which went into effect Jan. 1. This law affects all areas. Garbage and food waste must be separated. Garbage mixed with food will not be taken to the landfill. Residents are recommended to use special food waste containers, which are placed in each apartment when they throw away food waste and to remove moisture in food. Those who don't follow the law can be fined up to 200,000 won.

Papa Roach coming to Yongsan

Triple platinum recording artist, Papa Roach, will visit Collier Field House 7 p.m., Jan. 27.

Human Resources Command OPMD Korea Team Trip 2005

The branch managers in selected officer career fields will be in Korea Jan. 24-28 to discuss issues affecting officers here. Branch managers will also discuss assignments. For information, call 8th Personnel Services Command or Maj. Larry Downer at 724-3431.

Sugar and spice: Girl Scouts begin selling 'sweet' treat

By Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN — Everyone has a sweet tooth, and Army generals are no exception.

Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander of U.S. Forces Korea and United Nations Command, and his wife Judy, proved this as they bought the first boxes of Girl Scout cookies Jan. 5. Official sales for the cookies began Jan. 7 at commissaries, post exchanges and other locations around Korea.

Girl Scout Cookies, one of the group's biggest fundraisers, began in 1917. It only took a few years before the group had sold one million cookies.

Originally baked and "packaged" in the kitchens of the girls, the popularity of the delectable treat hasn't dwindled since its inception. The Scouts discovered this as they ran the gauntlet after their first sale for 2005. Soldiers of all ranks stopped the girls in the halls of the U. S. Forces Korea headquarters, as they tried to make for the exit.

One Soldier said, "I see Girl Scouts, and I think cookies." Happy to hear more cookies would be available later in the week, the colonel returned smiling to his office.

"Proceeds for the sales go back to the Scouts," said Staff Sgt. Candy Johnson, Girl Scout troop leader. "They use the money to take trips and fund



Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, (right) commander of U.S. Forces Korea and United Nations Command, looks at his wife, Judy, after Girl Scouts from around Korea filled into his office to sell the first boxes of their cookies in 2005.

their programs."

Johnson explained that proceeds help to foster better communities and develop Scouts into better women.

Junior Troop 22 will donate proceeds from their sales to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, serving in Iraq.

"This is because some of the girls have parents who are deployed with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team," Johnson said.

Cookies will be sold in several location on Yongsan Garrison, including

the commissary, Main Post Exchange, Dragon Hill Lodge and the Townhouse. Cookies will also be sold in other locations around the Republic of Korea.

Anyone wanting an order form can e-mail GSOCEOUL@yahoo.com.

The cost of a box is \$3.50. Flavors include Thin Mints, Caramel Delights, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwich and Peanut Butter Patties. New flavors are Lemon Pastry (sugar free), Pinatas and Animal Treasures.

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A member of the 8th Personnel Services Command (left) attempts a shot on Seoul American High School Falcons' Anthony Gatlin (54) as Jay Higgins (1) looks on.

Soldiers battle students at Collier Field House

By Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN — In a hard-fought battle Dec. 29, the 8th Personnel Services Command basketball team lost to the Seoul American High School Falcons 42-36 at Collier Field House.

Steve Boyd, Falcons coach, said the key to his success was drawing the opposition into a different style of defense.

"We forced them to go man-to-man," Boyd said.

The 8th PERSCOM team didn't adjust quickly enough to the tactic and the Falcons killed almost two minutes off the clock by stalling at midcourt during the fourth quarter. To save the game clock, 8th PERSCOM was forced to foul.

"I decided to win it at the free throw line," Boyd said. "And they (Falcon team members) hit the free throws."

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Jamaal Mohn, (center) Seoul American High School Falcon, looks through the thick 8th Personnel Command defense.

Audie Murphy Club inducts new members

By Pfc. Park, Yung-kwi

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN – The 8th U. S. Army Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, a prestigious association honoring enlisted Soldiers, was held at the Yongsan South Post Multi-Purpose Training Facility Jan. 7. Three Soldiers were inducted into the club because of their excellent performances within the Army.

Audie Leon Murphy was a legend of American war history. He was a war hero, movie star, writer of country and western songs and poet. He earned decorations including every medal for valor that America gives. Audie Murphy was the highest decorated Soldier in American war history.

“I am very proud to serve with these wonderful KATUSA Soldiers and U.S. Soldiers” said a guest speaker at the ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Ted Lopez, 2nd Infantry Division Support Command.

Also at the induction ceremony, the Gen. Paik, Sun

Yup Leadership Award was presented to 12 Korean Augmentee to the U.S. Army Soldiers. The Gen. Paik Leadership Award was originally designed in recognition of outstanding KATUSA corporals and sergeants who are serving their two-year duty in the 8th U.S. Army.

Gen. Paik, Sun Yup was the most famous Republic of Korea Army general of the Korean War. He was commander of ROK 1st Infantry Division. During the Korean War, he became the first South Korean to achieve the rank of four star general. He served twice as ROK Army Chief of Staff and chairman of the ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Command Sgt. Maj. Greg Bunce, 2nd Infantry Division Sgt. Audie Murphy Club Senior Advisory, said “Today’s recipients represent the best of the best in all aspects on the Peninsula.”

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First baby born in 2005



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Sgt. John Platz, and his wife Maria, are the proud parents of a baby boy, the first born in Korea in 2005. Platz is assigned to Company A, 122nd Signal Battalion, Camp Hovey.

94th MP Bn. hosts KATUSA family day

By Pvt. Jung, Jung-woo

8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs

YONGSAN — The 94th Military Police Battalion hosted Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Family Day at the Multipurpose Training Facility Dec. 11. The purpose of KATUSA Family Day is to show the KATUSA Soldiers’ families what the Soldiers do and how they live while they serve their country.

With the KATUSAs of 94th MP Bn. in formation, families arrived from Camp Kim. They were welcomed with breakfast provided by 94th MP Bn. Soldiers. After breakfast, Capt. Kim Hee-jin, ROK Support Office, 94th MP Bn., spoke to the group.

Kim told the families the Soldiers are doing an excellent job and being well taken care of by the U.S. Army. She also introduced leaders of the battalion.

Col. Falkner Heard III, 8th MP Bde. commander, remarked that the 8th MP

Bde. is the largest MP brigade in the Army and the about 500 KATUSA Soldiers working with the brigade now are highly motivated and said, “We couldn’t do our job without them.” Following the introduction, a film about the mission of the 94th MPs was shown.

After that, there were demonstrations by the Special Reaction Team, military working dogs and military equipment static displays of weapons and an up-armored humvee. Families could not only see the equipment, but also get close enough to touch and try it out for themselves.

After lunch at the 8th Personnel Services Command dining facility, the battalion gave families special coins that only outstanding Soldiers usually receive. Families toured the Soldiers’ barracks and saw some of the rooms where the KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers live. They were visibly relieved after seeing how well their sons and friends were living.

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VFW Posts overseas

There are Veteran's of Foreign Wars Posts here in Korea. To learn more about the VFW, log on to www.vfw.org. For information to the VFW post in Dongducheon, visit <http://www.vfw9985.org>.

Scholarships available through NCOA

The Noncommissioned Officers Association, Dragon Hill Lodge Chapter 1507, offers competitive scholarships to eligible students who have not or will not receive a larger scholarship from another source. Mail all documentation in one complete packet to:

The Dragon Hill Lodge Chapter NCOA Scholarship Fund
PAS #450 Box 705,
APO AP 96206-0705

Bible Study

A weekly Bible study, "The Word and Christian Issues," is offered 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Friday at the South Post Chapel. For information, call 018-310-5178.

Quit smoking

Smoking Cessation Clinic hosts new groups every month for four one-hour sessions. Mediation is an option with all four classes. Sessions are free to participants and self-referral is preferred. For information, call 736-6693 or e-mail Ok.Suh@kor.amedd.army.mil.

MLK Candlelight Vigil

The Commander of Area II Support Activity will host a candlelight vigil from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Sunday in the Collier Gym at Seoul American High School as part of the celebration in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For information, call 738-4298/5950.

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your credit history, and have them remove any inaccurate or unverifiable negative marks.

If the investigation does not resolve the matter, you are entitled to file a statement of less than 100 words describing why the negative mark is inaccurate, and you could have the CRAs note your disputes in future credit reports and send those disputes to people who received your credit history.

You also have the right to have the CRAs reinvestigate the matter. In the event they do not reinvestigate within 30 days of receiving your dispute and request to reinvestigate, the CRAs must delete the negative mark.

After the reinvestigation, the CRAs must provide you with a statement of the results of reinvestigation, and include a notice that you have a right to (a) add your disputed statements to your report, (b) have

the CRAs notify people who received your credit info about your dispute, and (c) request a description of the reinvestigation process.

Remember, you have the right to access your credit files, although not your credit scores. You could obtain your credit score through various online services. Also remember that bankruptcy over 10 years old and other negative marks over 7 years old are considered obsolete and therefore, they should not be in your credit report subject to exceptions.

Issues involving credit histories may be complicated. For information regarding the FCRA, contact the Legal Assistance Office at DSN 738-6841, and set up an appointment with an attorney.

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official. "If they violate the law a second time, they will be fined 100,000 won. Someone who is a three-time offender will be fined 200,000.

Sanitation operators who haul trash for districts permitting mixed trash with food waste are assessed 50 or more points for violating this new law and are not allowed access to the landfill for three days. And, if the operator is assessed more than 80 points in penalties, they are denied access to the landfill for one week.

In other words, not only will the person who violates the trash collection law be fined, but the sanitation operators will also be fined and denied disposal of the collected trash.

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Donating doughnuts



Sgt. Andrew KOSTERMAN

A Korean National Police member carries boxes of doughnuts to his patrol bus Dec. 24. Col. Timothy McNulty, Area II Support Activity commander, donated more than 800 oranges and doughnuts, along with assorted candies and cookies, to members of the KNP, gate guards and firefighters.

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58th Signal Battalion supporting tsunami relief

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers from the U.S. Army, Pacific’s 58th Signal Battalion are providing around-the-clock communications support for Combined Support Forces-536, currently conducting tsunami humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts in Asia.

The 58th operates the standardized tactical entry point for satellite communications in the Southeast Asia theater.

“Through 58th’s STEP site, U.S. forces deployed throughout the region can access DoD’s global information grid, which provides secure and non-secure data networks, telephones, and video teleconferences,” said Col. Brian J. Donahue, commander of the 516th Signal Brigade and USARPAC Chief Information Officer.

Bill McPherson, spokesman for the 516th Signal Brigade, said the STEP is a relay station that transmits satellite-based communications to receivers throughout an area of operations.

“They’re using both strategic and tactical communications assets throughout Southeast Asia in the effort,” McPherson said.

Donahue said the contribution of the communication team is essential to the relief effort.

“Reliable joint communications is just as critical for relief operations as



Sgt. Brandon Wilson and Spc. Keith C. Bailey of the 333rd Signal Company, 58th Signal Battalion, man the controls of the 58th’s satellite communications terminal at Fort Buckner, Okinawa.

it is for combat operations,” he said. joint operation.”

“This is just one example of the Army “The 58th Signal Battalion will continue to support this critical mission for the humanitarian relief effort on a 24-hour basis throughout the duration of the operation,” Donahue said.

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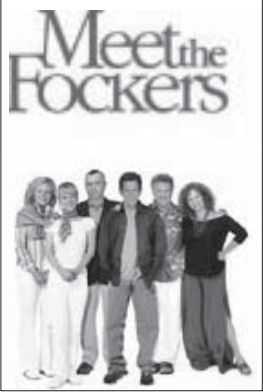
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Ray — Ray Charles went blind at the age of 7. With the staunch support of his determined single mother, he developed the fierce resolve, wit and incredible talent that would eventually enable him to overcome not only Jim Crow Racism and the cruel prejudices against the blind, but also discover his own sound, which revolutionized American music. Nonetheless, as Ray's unprecedented fame grew, so did his weakness for drugs and women.



The Polar Express
Believing in Santa Clause isn't easy when all of your friends and family insist he's just make-believe. But a young boy's faith is rewarded on Christmas Eve when he's awakened by a steam train whose conductor pulls up in front of his house and takes him and other children to the North Pole to meet Santa.



Meet the Fockers
Now that Greg Focker is "in" with his soon-to-be in-laws, Jack and Dina Byrnes, it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam. But that's before Pam's parents meet Greg's parents, the Fockers. The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrneses are woefully mismatched from the start — which all adds up to a disastrously funny time of "getting to know you."



Saw — Two men wake to find themselves chained inside a decrepit subterranean chamber. Between them is a dead man lying in a pool of blood, holding a .38 in his hand. Neither man knows why he has been abducted, but instructions left on a microcassette order one to kill the other within eight hours. If he fails to do so, then both men, and the family of one, will die. They realize they are the next victims of a psychopathic genius known only as "Jigsaw."



Ocean's Twelve
Danny Ocean and his crew, having successfully stolen \$150 million Las Vegas casinos in the first film, jet to Europe with three new heists planned, including swiping Rembrandt's Nightwatch from a gallery in Amsterdam. Meanwhile, casino owner Terry Benedict, whom Ocean and crew ripped off in Las Vegas, is hot on their tail, looking for revenge.



National Treasure
All his life, Benjamin Franklin Gates has been searching for a treasure no one believed existed. Gates' lifelong journey leads him to the last place anyone thought to look: a map hidden on the back of the Declaration of Independence. In a race against time, Gates must elude the authorities, stay one step ahead of his ruthless adversary, decipher the remaining clues and unlock the 2000-year-old mystery behind America's greatest national treasure.

AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
LONG 721-3407	Closer	No Show	Team America: World Police	The Grudge	No Show	No Show	No Show
OSAN 784-4930	Phantom of the Opera	Phantom of the Opera	Phantom of the Opera	National Treasure	National Treasure	Seed of Chucky	Seed of Chucky
RED CLOUD 732-6620	Meet the Fockers	Seed of Chucky	Seed of Chucky	After the Sunset	After the Sunset	No Show	Phantom of the Opera
STANLEY 732-5565	After the Sunset	After the Sunset	Seed of Chucky	Spongebob Squarepants Movie	No Show	Phantom of the Opera	Spongebob Squarepants Movie
YONGSAN I 738-7389	Phantom of the Opera	Phantom of the Opera	Phantom of the Opera	National Treasure	National Treasure	Seed of Chucky	Seed of Chucky
YONGSAN II 738-7389	Spongebob Squarepants Movie	Spongebob Squarepants Movie	Spongebob Squarepants Movie	Spongebob Squarepants Movie	Team America: World Police	Team America: World Police	National Treasure
YONGSAN III 738-7389	Spongebob Squarepants Movie	Spongebob Squarepants Movie	Spongebob Squarepants Movie	Spongebob Squarepants Movie	I Heart Huckabees	I Heart Huckabees	National Treasure

Becoming a better father in 2005

Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Harris

20th Support Group, 19th TSC

Fatherhood is a concept that implies tremendous responsibility and commitment. Simply desiring to be a father, or reaching the age of 18 or 21 does not automatically instill the ability or responsibility that fatherhood requires.

A father is mature enough spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically and financially when he is able to embrace his holistic responsibilities and all that it entails. He may be 18 or he may be 42. Regardless, he wisely works to take care of his family. And he embraces his duties as a father with love for his God, wife, children, work and friends. This is observable in everything that he does at home and work.

His actions speak volumes. He’s always aware that

his children could one day imitate his behavior. As a father, he demonstrates appropriate affection for his wife before his children. He allows his children to witness his outward display of love for his wife, and his dedication for family and work. His values, feelings and beliefs are important to him. People who are employed along side him know of his love for his God and family.

Consequently, this year, the meaning of fatherhood for me embraces certain beliefs, feelings, attitudes, values and emotions. The following, according to Claude L. Dallas Jr., are some suggestions that I agree with for strengthening fatherhood:

1. Have a “family circle at the table” time. Ask every member of the family to come to the dinner table on a specific day of the week if this is not routine. You could open with a scripture and share your desire to see the

family be more of what God would have it to be. The first time, ask each family member to share ways in which you can be a better parent;

2. Become involved in school activities. Volunteer for a responsibility with the parent group. Drop by the school to take your child to lunch, or let the afternoon be a fun-time surprise. Monitor your child’s educational progress and get to know your child’s teachers;

3. Think of your interactions with your family as a bank account. In accounting, you make deposits and withdrawals. You can create your own concept of paying interest and dividends. Sometimes it takes a lot of deposits to make up for a large emotional withdrawal.

As we enter this New Year let us embrace these suggestions and seek to become a better father in 2005.

Area IV Worship Services

Protestant

Collective	Sunday	10 a.m.	Camp Carroll
		10:45 a.m.	Camp Hialeah
		11a.m.	Camp Walker
Apostolic		12:30 p.m.	Camp Hialeah
Collective		12:45 p.m.	Camp Walker
		1 p.m.	Camp Carroll

Collective	Friday	7 p.m.	Camp Walker
		7 p.m.	Camp Carroll
Korean	Sunday	6 p.m.	Camp Hialeah
		Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Camp Carroll
Korean	Wednesday	6:15p.m.	Camp Walker

Catholic

Mass	Sunday	9 a.m.	Camp Walker
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Mass	Sunday	9 a.m.	Camp Hialeah
Mass		11:30 a.m.	Camp Carroll
Mass	Saturday	5 p.m.	Camp Walker

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A 1960 Cadillac Fleetwood limousine shines just as it did its first day off the assembly line.



Early automobile models look more like motorized tricycles with carriages attached.



A Rolls-Royce grill stands as a testament to luxury automobiles at the Seoul exhibition.



The M38 Jeep was built under a subcontract with Ford from 1941-45. The company produced 281,578 units in support of U.S. military requirements during World War II.

Classic motor show rolls into COEX Mall

By Pfc. Giancarlo Casem

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

More than 20 classic cars drove center stage at the 2004 International Classic Motor Show Dec. 20 - Jan. 5 at the Convention and Exhibition Mall in Seoul.

The cars represented the automobile's long and colorful history. Thousands of car enthusiasts flocked to the COEX halls to view cars from every era, from three-wheeled buggies to high performance racecars.

The oldest vehicle at the exhibit was a three-wheeled carriage from the early 1900s. It was powered by a simple motor, comparable to that of a lawn mower engine. The engine powered just one-wheel and the passengers would ride in the wooden carriage. The vehicle was used to taxi its passengers around.

The main attraction of the exhibition though, was the classic cars. These cars were made during the first half of the 20th century.

A 1903 Ford Model A was on display. It was a crowd favorite as car fans stopped to admire the vehicle and take pictures of it.

As the car-gazers moved through the exhibition, the cars also progressed through the years. The era with the most cars represented was the pre-1950s. During this time, cars were viewed by many as a luxury item for the rich. Some of the cars at the show included classic limousines and even cars from the gangster era of the roaring 1920s. With most cars pushing only 60 horsepower, these cars would pale in comparison to today's cars.

In the middle part of the exhibition were the cars from the 1960s and 70s. Auto enthusiasts generally consider this time as the roadster and touring car era. During these two decades, two-seater convertibles were all the rage in America. In Europe as well, this craze defined the portrait of automobiles.

European car manufacturers were heavily represented at the show. Manufacturing giants like Peugeot, Renault and MG had a very strong showing, while lesser-known cars like the Triumph TR4 were also presented. Cars from these manufacturers drew large crowds, as their design and power seemed to exude sexiness.

The last section of the exhibition housed modern cars from the show's sponsors. Peugeot and BMW showed off their latest line of cars. Also at the show were members of a Korean racecar team called the "R Stars."

The 2004 International Classic Motor Show was a way for Koreans and Soldiers alike to see the automobiles' long and storied history.

(Editor's note: See the COEX article on Page 6 for information about the mall and how to get there.)

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The Seoul Convention and Exhibition Mall features a variety of shows and displays throughout the year. The mall is located at the Samseong stop on the Seoul Subway system's green line.



A Korean model dresses right for the era to answer questions and pose with the vintage automobiles.



A Korean celebrity driver from "R Stars" racing team, signs autographs at the show.





Baby Angels

MWR Entertainment presents a new band, Baby Angels. The group performs a variety of music at Camp Castle's Hard ROK Café Friday and Saturday, and Camp Hovey's Borderline Café Sunday. Each performance begins at 8 p.m.

Comedy ROKs

MWR Special Entertainment is presenting Comedy ROK's with MWR #4 at Camp Casey's Warrior's Club Friday starting at 9 p.m. Admission to the show is free. For information, call 732- 6819.

Primo's Open Mic

Visit Camp Casey's Primo's Express for CC Jam, starting at 4 p.m., Sunday. MWR Offshore Entertainment Kendrick performs Country/rock music. There is also an "open mic" for everyone. For information, call 730-3400.

Maranatha Plays Casey

New MWR Entertainment, "MARANATHA" performs variety music at Camp Casey's Primo's Express Friday and Camp Casey Warrior's Club Saturday. Each show begins at 8 p.m.

COEX Shopping Trip

Visit Camp Casey's Community Activity Center for the shopping tour to COEX Mall in Seoul, Saturday. To reserve a seat or for information, call 730-4853.

MLK Movie

Camp Hovey Hobson Community Activity Center is offering a movie on Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, education and history at 1 p.m., Sunday. For information, call 730-5124.

Honeybone R&B

New MWR Offshore Entertainment, "HONEYBONE with UMOJA" performs R&B/Soul music at Camp Casey's Primo's Express Sunday, Camp Hovey's Borderline Café Wednesday and Camp Castle's Hard ROK Café Thursday. Each show begins at 8 p.m.

Volunteer Luncheon

The Area I Army Community Service is hosting the First Quarter Volunteer Luncheon at Camp Casey's Warrior's Club 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wednesday. For information, call Erlinda Walter at 732-7277.

Bonanza Bingo

Camp Casey's Warrior's Club, Primo's Express and Second to None Club and Camp Hovey's Borderline Café are offering MWR Bonanza Bingo beginning Monday. Instant cash prizes are available. For information, call 730 -4334.

Comment Card Contest

Complete an MWR Orange Customer Comment Card along with your contact information for a chance to win lunch or dinner at any MWR Club, Bowling Center or Golf Course in Area I. MWR Orange Customer Comment Cards are available from any MWR facility in Area I. Only U.S. ID card holders are eligible to enter. For information, call 732- 6274.

AFTB celebrates 10 years of helping

By Margaret McKenzie

USACFSC Public Affairs

Army Family Team Building celebrates 10 years as a family readiness training program Dec. 16.

"AFTB's mission is to educate and train individuals in the knowledge, skills, and behaviors designed to prepare them to move successfully into the future," said Vicki Brown, chief of AFTB at U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, Alexandria, Va. "The training improves personal and family preparedness which enhances overall Army readiness."

Using the train-the-trainer approach, volunteers –spouses, Soldiers and retirees –teach 42 modules of instructions organized into three levels of training to interested individuals on installations throughout the Army:

Level I – the learning phase – takes the participants from civilian life to Army life. This phase teaches participants how to be self sufficient, where to find resources, the differences between Army and civilian culture and how to access the benefits available to Soldiers and their families.

Level II – the growth phase – teaches individuals how to develop personal skills, manage the stress of deployment and adjust to the Army's changing environment. These classes are designed to boost self esteem and teach individuals how to become more involved in their community.

Level III provides the necessary tools for participants to become leaders or mentors within their community.

AFTB was formed in 1994 as a result of lessons learned from Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"Senior spouses together with officials from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command realized that, unlike Soldiers who are trained for conflicts, families were totally unprepared," said Grace Smith, AFTB senior training specialist at CFSC.

As a result, the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve and

Army National Guard developed AFTB for spouses and family members to teach them about Army life.

"The AFTB program has a positive impact on Soldier and family readiness," Brown said. "This program recognizes that leaders in the Army have a responsibility to establish a partnership between the Army and families."

AFTB core instructors receive 40 hours of training from CFSC every two years. Those instructors help develop the AFTB training curriculum which is then given to program managers who implement the program at installations

Army-wide.

One-week training sessions are held for master trainers and program managers twice a year at locations throughout the Army. Master trainers who have worked in the program for more than one year and are still active receive 40 hours of additional training at Master Trainer Professional Development.

"Since 1994 AFTB has trained 6,000 master trainers," Brown said. "They are required to work a minimum of one year for the Army. In 2004, 75,000 students were trained in Levels I, II and III in classrooms around the world and an additional 12,000 family members and students have completed training online via the AFTB NetTrainer (www.aftb.org) without leaving their homes.

"You really learn about the Army, its lifestyle, culture, expectations and the impact of Army life on the family," she added. "For the past 10 years we have seen volunteers grow by being exposed to the program, becoming part of AFTB and giving back to their community as volunteers."

For information about Army Family Team Building, visit your installation Army Community Services, Family Program Office in the Guard and Reserve or the Army Family Team Building on the Morale Welfare and Recreation Web site, www.armymwr.com

Old Glory visits JSA



PFC BAEK, JIN-YUNG, USFK PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Students and Joint Security Area military personnel salute Old Glory in the most heavily guarded border in the world. High school and college students of U.S. forces personnel stationed in Korea hand carried the national flag to the JSA while participating in a youth orientation tour to promote understanding and appreciation of the U.S. military mission in Korea. Old Glory has been touring around the world since June 1999 and will continue to travel until 2006 when it will be retired at the National Museum in Washington, D.C. This touring historic flag has flown at numerous significant events in the United States and saluted U.S. troops in such places as Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Japan and Iraq. This is the first time the flag was in the Republic of Korea. It made another stop of note Thursday, when it was part of a naturalization ceremony on Yongsan for U.S. servicemembers who became U.S. citizens.



Support Operations Maintenance Officer Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lee Franklin briefs Lt. Col. Kang Chae-ku, center, and battalion Executive Officer, Maj. Monte Harris Dec. 7 during 194th Maintenance Battalion's field training exercise.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Pfc. Jesse Bryson and Pfc. Clint Cain guard the "Bloody Angle," an area on the perimeter of the 194th Maintenance Battalion field site named for a Civil War battle. The Soldiers said they were attacked each night by opposing forces.

Maintaining Mobility

194th Maint. Bn. tackles field exercise work orders and all

By Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs

YEOJU — When Lt. Col. Kang Chae-ku, who commands the Third Republic of Korea Army 3rd Logistics Supply Support Command's 80th Maintenance Battalion, visited Tactical Assembly Area Tom Dec. 7 to compare how similar Korean and U.S. units operate in the field, he summed up one of the most striking differences: mobility.

As he range-walked the 194th Maintenance Battalion exercise area, Kang said he was amazed at the ability of the 194th to move quickly to the field from fixed positions at Camp Humphreys, where the unit provides intermediate-level supply, maintenance and repair for helicopters,

wheeled vehicles, armaments, communications and electronics gear.

"Lt. Col. Kang had visited our facilities at Camp Humphreys and now he's seeing how we operate in the field," said Lt. Col. Steven Elkins, battalion commander, whose unit is preparing for an external evaluation.

What he saw was the battalion maintaining a security perimeter against opposing forces while continuing to service customer's equipment.

"Our maintenance mission continues in the field, even though we have to defend against opposing forces," said Capt. Brian Beiner, battalion operations officer.

The battalion is comprised of a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, the 520th Maintenance Company, a direct support maintenance company; the 348th Quartermaster Company, a supply company and two aviation intermediate maintenance companies, Company G and Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment.

Picking up and going to the field is routine for some Soldiers from the 520th Maint. Co., who work in vans even back at Camp Humphreys when they are not in the field.

"It's no big deal," said Pfc. Roadel Epps, as he worked on a customer's environmental control unit outdoors. "It's more fun in a field environment."

As Epps worked, other Soldiers guarded "Tiger" or "Raider" gates and their part of the area perimeter against sneaky opposing forces who attacked day or night.

"They've attacked several times," said Capt. David Normand, 520th Maint. Co. commander, "but they've never breached our area."

Between skirmishes, Soldiers continued to work on customers' equipment shuttled from Camp Humphreys to the field. The battalion was learning to fight while preserving their reputation to go "Forward with Support."



Pfc. James Jenkins, 520th Maintenance Company, defends his assigned perimeter sector during the 194th Maintenance Battalion's December field training exercise.



194th Maintenance Battalion Soldiers pack up a final tent as they complete the unit's December field training exercise.



Intelligence Analyst Pvt. Robert J. Cornelius assesses threat data in the 194th Maintenance Battalion Tactical Operations Center Dec. 7.

NEWS & NOTES

Library Hosts Story Time

Children ages 2 to 7 are invited to a Story Hour every Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. at the library. Volunteers will read stories to the children. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact either the library, at 753-8818, or Aggie Rodriguez, volunteer coordinator, at 753-8401.

COLA Survey Ends Feb. 7

The new Cost of Living Allowance Survey for Korea has begun. The survey, which ends Feb. 7, requests military members and dependents to input data concerning the amount of money required to buy goods similar to those they would purchase in the United States. The survey, which will take approximately one-half hour to complete, is available online at <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil/>. Though the primary focus of the survey is command-sponsored servicemembers with families in Korea, all servicemembers are encouraged to complete the survey.

Town Hall Meeting Scheduled

A Quarterly Town Hall Meeting will be held Tuesday in the Community Activities Center at 6 p.m. Installation personnel will have the opportunity to learn the latest about Camp Humphreys and can ask questions of the Area III commander or staff directors. Everyone is invited to attend. For information, call 753-8598.

MCW Submissions

Organizations or individuals with an event or activity they would like to highlight in The Morning Calm Weekly may do so by contacting the Area III Public Affairs Office, at 753-8847. The item should include all pertinent information about the activity, including when and where it will be held. Also, include a point of contact name and telephone number. All items may be edited to fit MCW style and available space.

Humphreys fiber optic cable system online

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS - Camp Humphreys finished its "Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program in December; completing its upgrade from copper wire to fiber optic cable two-and-a-half years after beginning the project.

About 100 buildings not slated for demolition are on the new cable, said Pete Sawyer, an Information Systems support employee who will be working at Camp Humphreys for the next two years to take care of the new system.

"With 23 primary fiber optic cables of 144 cores; each working through Foundry Networks one-gigabyte switches," he said, "we have about 1,200 using fiber optics now and the system is designed to grow as the installation grows."

The multimillion dollar upgrade installed two main concentration nodes and four area distribution nodes as well as the 23 primary cables. The new



STEVE DAVIS

Pete Sawyer, an Information Systems support employee who has been with the I3MP project from its beginning, puts the finishing touches on the new fiber optic cable system.

system expands bandwidth, operational speed and increases system reliability and security over that provided by the copper wire system it replaces.

ICE system arrives at Camp Humphreys

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS - New, dedicated computer terminals have appeared at various locations around Camp Humphreys. Labeled ICE, these "Interactive Customer Evaluation" machines are today's evaluation card. According to the Department of Defense, ICE is designed to improve service, provide leadership with timely data on customer service and satisfaction, and to save time and money.

ICE automates the process of

reporting your comment, complaint or complement service from the exchange, the commissary; personnel, medical or dental or from any of more than a dozen categories of service providers. Using an ICE terminal delivers your thoughts directly to the responsible managers.

ICE can also be addressed from any computer with Internet access. The Web site at <http://ice.disa.mil>, will allow you to address services at military and other government facilities worldwide.

Current locations for ICE terminals

at Camp Humphreys include the post exchange and food court, community activities center, Zoeckler Station Shoppette and Food Court, Humphreys Lodge and billeting, main fitness center, civilian personnel advisory center, Army Community Service, Nitewatch Club, Tommy D's, education center, bowling center, Pass & ID (Vehicle Registration), library, housing office, legal, auto skills center, MWR office, Soldiers personnel center and commissary.

KATUSA Sgt. Maj. Choi memorialized at Camp Long

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP LONG - Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Sergeant Major Choi Kap-joo was memorialized Dec. 30, 2004 when more than 50 KATUSA and U.S. Army representatives from Camps Long and



Camp Humphreys KATUSA Command Sgt. Maj. Kong Hyung-kwon was among the speakers at the Dec. 30 ceremony dedicating a Camp Long KATUSA Snack Bar in honor of ROK Sgt. Maj. Choi Kap-joo

Humphreys, as well as friends and family members, gathered at camp Long to dedicate a KATUSA Snack Bar in his name.

Choi, who served the Republic of Korea with distinction during his 12-year military career, died of leukemia Dec. 23, 2003.

A professional soldier, Choi was once commended by the Republic of Korea Chief of the General Staff. After joining the ROK Army in 1992, he worked as an instructor and later, as the first instructor team leader at the ROK Army NCO Academy. He was a vice platoon leader and platoon leader.

His final assignment was with the Wonju ROKA Staff Office at Camp Long where he led KATUSA Soldiers working directly with members of the U.S. Army.

A native of Sinbuk Place, Youngam District, Chonnam Province, the sergeant major was 32 when he died.

Camp Humphreys' KATUSA Commander, Maj. Hwang In-ju, Command Sgt. Maj. Kong Hyung-kwon, and Area III Command Sgt.



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Choi Ok-ju and Choi Myung-sook, family members of deceased Sgt. Maj. Choi, Kap-Joo, and Maj. Hwang, In-ju pay their respects during the floral tribute phase of the December 30 ceremony dedicating a Camp Long KATUSA Snack Bar in Choi's name.

Maj. Robert Frace were among those who spoke during the ceremony. The ceremony included a floral tribute during which many individuals, relatives and Soldiers alike, paid their respects to Choi's memory.

Area III boxer selected for Army tryouts

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS - Staff Sgt. Eric Raymon, a member of 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, has been selected to travel to Arizona to try out for the Army's Boxing Team.

The light-heavyweight amateur has been boxing for about four years and has participated in 20 bouts – 15 while in Korea.

"I'm 13 and 2 in Korea," said Raymon, "and I've fought all over the peninsula against both Korean and American boxers."

Raymon says his last bout was at the 8th U.S. Army Championship in October.

"I won my last two fights during the contest," he said, "one with a technical knockout and one with a knockout. But then I lost the first bout by a decision. My third opponent was Sgt. Theodore Nelson from Echo Battery at Kunsan. He's good. His record stands at 63-10."

Raymon enjoys boxing because it is an individual sport that requires heart to be successful.

Although he only enlisted in 2000, Raymon has been around the Army all his life.

"My father is an Army logistics manager," he said. "He's in Iraq right now.

I'm not the classroom type so I enlisted. I like it better as an NCO."

Raymon came to Korea from the National Security Agency at Fort Mead, Md., and has been an intelligence analyst with 3rd Military Intelligence for about 20 months.

"If I make the team after boxing camp I'll be representing the Army in bouts all over the United States and overseas," he said. "And there's the possibility that I could be selected for America's Olympic Boxing Team in 2008."

Raymon departed Korea for Arizona Jan. 5.



COURTESY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Eric Raymond, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, has been invited to try out for the Army Boxing Team.

Area III hosts Army Family Action Plan Symposium Jan. 21

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS - Area III will host the Army Family Action Plan Symposium 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 21 in the Community Activity Center. The Army Family Action Plan process gives people in the Army community the

opportunity to share ideas about how to improve their quality of life. The participation of the entire community in this annual event is essential.

Throughout the conference process, issues requiring action are prioritized, given measurable objectives for

acceptable change, and assigned to a lead agency to be worked. The issues are monitored until a satisfactory solution is reached, and issues beyond the scope of the local commander are forwarded to higher levels of authority. This is one of the characteristics that make AFAP a unique

program. According to Kenia Jobb, Army Family Action Plan Manager, AFAP has supported the Army for more than 20 years, and is considered one of the best programs in the Army. AFAP has raised more than 568 issues resulting in 92 changes to legislation, 134

revised policies and 153 improved programs or services.

For information about the AFAP program in Area III, call the AFAP/AFTB coordinator at 753-8318, or e-mail questions to kenia.a.jobb@korea.army.mil.

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Town hall meeting at TAS targets youth issues

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP GEORGE—Recognizing that children are one of the most important resources a community has to offer, Area IV officials conducted an open house targeting youth issues at Taegu American School Jan. 6.

The two-and-a-half hour forum, led by Area IV Commander Col. Donald J. Hendrix, focused on a variety of topics impacting the younger generation, their parents and teachers, and the community at large.

"We do these meetings for our customers, our populace. These town hall meetings are your meetings because we need to get information to you and we need to get information from you," Hendrix said. "We want to make sure we are structuring them as well as we can with a format that is comfortable and will facilitate information transfer."

Hendrix went on to explain that as part of his town hall strategy, he would like to target specific groups and audiences within Area IV to ensure the

entire community is represented.

"We have three presentations we want to make today. They are all family, and predominantly family with children in school focused," he said.

"We chose that theme for a number of reasons and the three topics specifically because it is information that you need to know. Don't keep this to yourself. Share this, take it home and share it with your neighbors. There are a lot of folks we need to be sharing this information with. Knowledge is power and we need to share it to make it work."

Helen Bailey, Taegu American School's principal, presented an overview on the school, its students, faculty and resources. Her presentation touched upon the School – Home –

Community Partnership, the School Improvement Plan and other initiatives.

"Taegu American School is one of the most diverse schools in DoDDs. (It) is only one of two unit schools

(preschool through 12th grade) in DoDDs and next year we will be the only one," Bailey said. "We are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and this is important because in February we will be going through the accreditation process where we are going to have

a team of individuals coming from the United States to evaluate the programs at Taegu American School. This is also important because your students will be able to graduate from an accredited school and will qualify for federal funds when they go off to college."

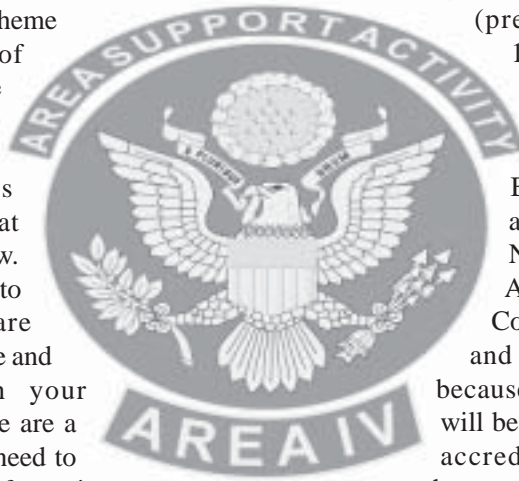
The school, which is currently accredited, is evaluated every six years for ongoing endorsement.

Heather Robinson, Area IV adolescent substance abuse counselor, gave an in-depth presentation on the perils of drug and alcohol abuse and other challenges facing today's youth. Robinson also highlighted Area IV programs designed to help at-risk youth and their families.

"When I first got here it kind of surprised me since I was walking into a typical American high school, because this is Asia after all. But, the kids here are just like everywhere else," Robinson said. "You are going to find the same percentages of drug and alcohol abuse across the board as a high school in the states."

Robinson also pointed out the signs of drug and alcohol abuse and provided an insightful look at the places where kids like to hang out, such as clubs and computer rooms.

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Basketball tournament features repeat, first-time champions

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP WALKER – It was deja-vu ... and something new ... at the 2004 Korea-Wide Invitational Basketball Classic held at Camp Walker's Kelly Fitness Center Dec. 26-29, as the women's championship featured the same finalists as last year and the men's division featured a new champion, so new the winning team didn't even exist last year.

In the women's division, Camp Casey held off a determined Han-II Girls High School team from Gimcheon City 52-42 to take the championship. Last year, Casey topped the Gimcheon squad 58-55 to take top honors. Like last year, the high-schoolers were knocked into the losers bracket early in the tournament by Camp Casey only to emerge in the championship game. The superior conditioning and experience of the Casey squad again proved to be the deciding factor, as Gimcheon wilted after taking a 23-20 lead into halftime.

Camp Carroll took third place in the women's bracket. Suwon Air Base came in fourth.

In the men's division, Camp Carroll topped Camp Casey 74-57 to take the championship.

Surprisingly, this marks the first season for the Camp Carroll "Crown Jewels."

"We didn't have a team last year. Our guys played for Daegu," said Coach

Larry Ellis. "We have come a long way as a young team. Our guys have matured a lot and developed a strong chemistry. We have proven we can beat some of the best teams in Korea."

Coming in third in the men's division was Camp Humphreys. Suwon Air Base took fourth place.

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Town hall meeting at TAS targets youth issues

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CAMP GEORGE—Recognizing that children are one of the most important resources a community has to offer, Area IV officials conducted an open house targeting youth issues at Taegu American School Jan. 6.

The two-and-a-half hour forum, led by Area IV Commander Col. Donald J. Hendrix, focused on a variety of topics impacting the younger generation, their parents and teachers, and the community at large.

"We do these meetings for our customers, our populace. These town hall meetings are your meetings because we need to get information to you and we need to get information from you," Hendrix said. "We want to make sure we are structuring them as well as we can with a format that is comfortable and will facilitate information transfer."

Hendrix went on to explain that as part of his town hall strategy, he would like to target specific groups and audiences within Area IV to ensure the

entire community is represented.

"We have three presentations we want to make today. They are all family, and predominantly family with children in school focused," he said.

"We chose that theme for a number of reasons and the three topics specifically because it is information that you need to know. Don't keep this to yourself. Share this, take it home and share it with your neighbors. There are a lot of folks we need to be sharing this information with. Knowledge is power and we need to share it to make it work."

Helen Bailey, Taegu American School's principal, presented an overview on the school, its students, faculty and resources. Her presentation touched upon the School – Home –

Community Partnership, the School Improvement Plan and other initiatives.

"Taegu American School is one of the most diverse schools in DoDDs. (It) is only one of two unit schools

(preschool through 12th grade) in DoDDs and next year we will be the only one," Bailey said. "We are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and this is important because in February we will be going through the accreditation process where we are going to have

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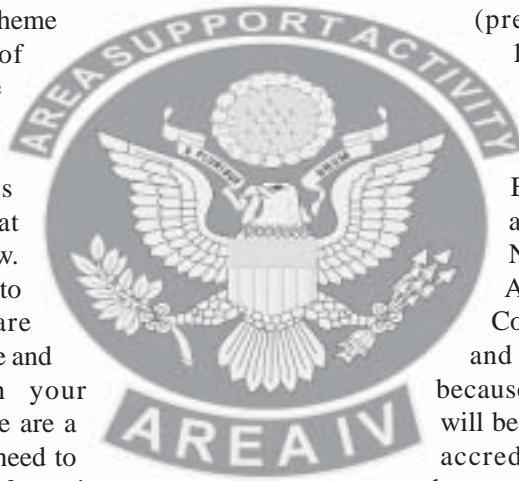
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Basketball tournament features repeat, first-time champions

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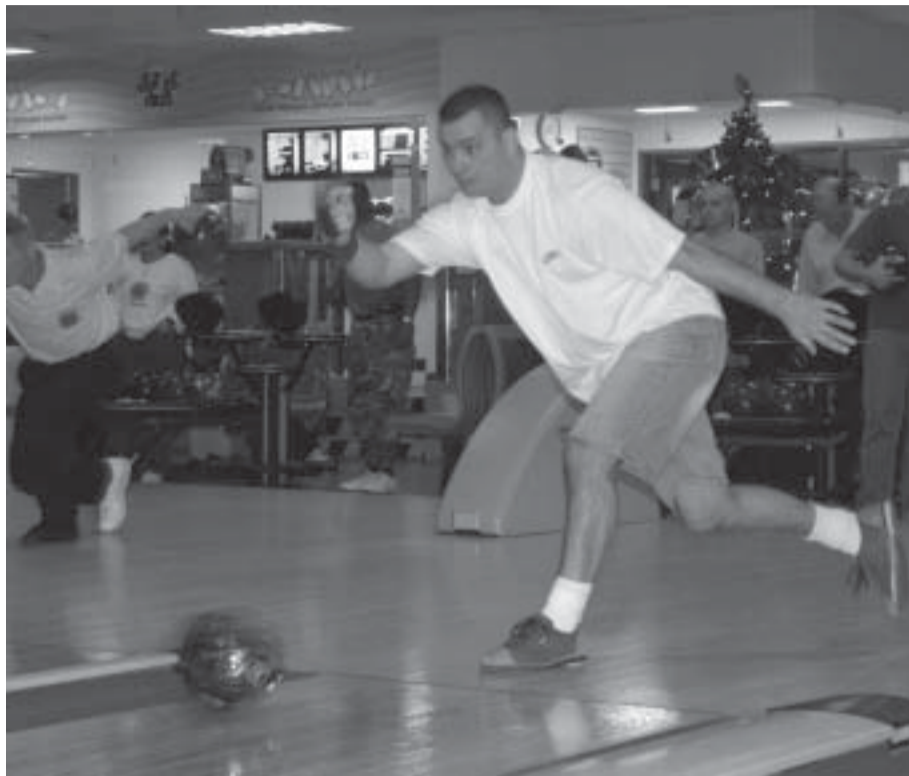
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Richmond, who has been bowling for 19 years, didn’t pick up on it until he joined the Air Force when he was 21.

“I first started bowling back in 1985, when I was in the Air Force,” said Richmond, a native of Clearwater, Fla. “I started out with a 124 average and by the time I got out of Air Force six years later, I had a 146 average, thanks to my roommate who taught me the basics of bowling and helped me to get the fundamentals down.”

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with someone even more knowledgeable about the sport.

“When I left military for the first time, I got hooked up with a pro shop owner in my hometown,” Richmond said. “He worked with me and taught me many things. I think my skills improved the most when I worked

with him. My average was up around 200 by 1997.”

One of the highlights of Richmond’s bowling career came also in 1997. He bowled a perfect, 300 game in February 1997.

“I didn’t even think I was going to bowl that day,” Richmond said. “I was

dog-tired from working all day long. But I just started throwing; getting strike after strike ... and it just came.”

In 1998, Richmond decided to come back into military service, and the Army.

Richmond produced a near-perfect performance, a 299-game, on the final day of last year’s 8th U.S. Army Bowling Championships held at Yongsan Lanes in Seoul. However, there was something more disappointing than missing a perfect game by a single pin.

“I was more disappointed at missing an 800 series by five pins on the very first day of the tournament than missing the perfect game,” Richmond said. “Because an 800 series shows more about endurance and tenacity of the bowler than a single perfect game. I am still waiting for my first 800 series.”

Despite the near misses, Richmond won the 2004 8th U.S. Army bowling championships with a 3-day, 21-game average of 229.24.

“Bert is a very consistent bowler,” said Sgt. Robert Johnson, Korea Theater Network Operation Security Center, Camp Walker, a teammate in

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Following the presentations, representatives from Area IV directorates provided a series of “1-

minute update” mini-briefings to bring the community up to date on local happenings.

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A town hall meeting for single and accompanied soldiers in Daegu will be held in the near future.

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“(Richmond) is a very mature Soldier, he’s been a great asset to the unit,” said Sgt. 1st Class Corey Leavell, first sergeant, Detachment C, 516th PSB. “He is an outstanding bowler. I am confident that he will not only make the All-Army team, but also win first or second place.”

Other than participating in the league at the Walker Bowling Center and a couple of tournaments every month, Richmond said he doesn’t put too much time into practicing. Rather, he spends much of his downtime

enjoying his other hobbies.

“I like shooting pool and watching movies a lot,” said Richmond, who owns a wall locker full of DVD movies. He also likes to play online fantasy sports, where he becomes a “fantasy” owner of a team made up of professional athletes.

Richmond hopes to continue competing for a spot on the All-Army team until he leaves the Army. Once he leaves the military, he plans to carry on with bowling.

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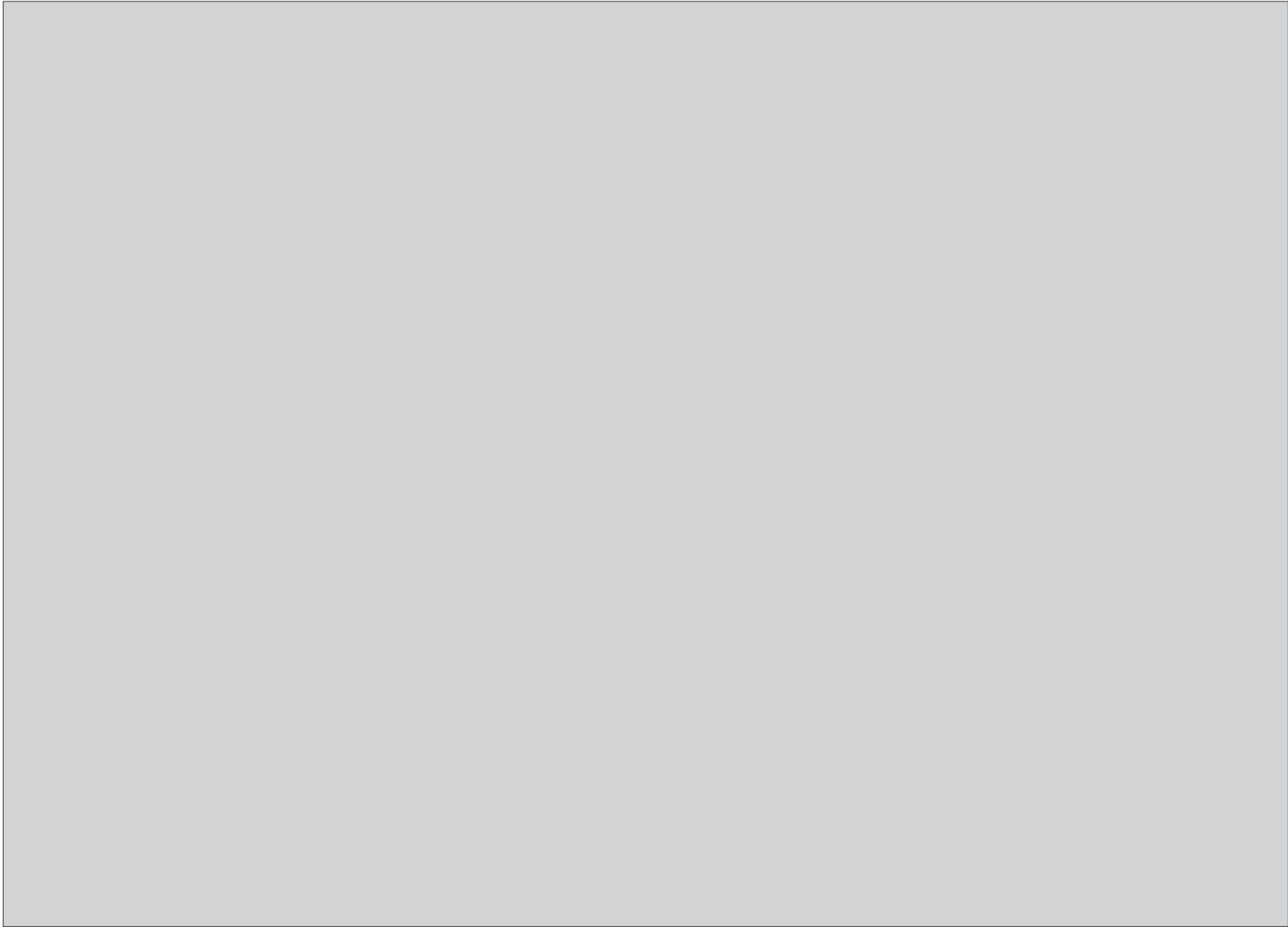
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The top Army bowlers, determined by total number of pins over 24 games, went on to bowl at the 2005 armed forces bowling championships Sunday through today in Dallas.

“Chances of me being selected to be on the All-Army team are just as good as anyone else who tries out,” said Richmond before he left for the try-out. “I will do my best to be among the top six and if so, I will continue to do my best to well represent the Army in the armed forces championships.”

The results of the Army camp competition and armed forces championships were unavailable at press time.



지하철 화재시 대피 및 대처 요령

일병 서기철

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유독가스의 체내유입을 최대한 막는다.

◎객실내 통로문의 왼쪽 위에 있는 비상인터폰을 눌러 기관사와 통화한다.

◎객실 칸마다 통로문 옆에 있는 소화기로 불을 끈다.

◎아래와 같은 순서에 따라 출입문을 연다.

-출입문 쪽 의자 옆의 아래쪽에 있는 조그만 뚜껑을 연다.

-뚜껑 속의 비상 코크를 잡아당긴다.(공기가 빠지는 소리가 멈출 때까지 3~10초간 기다린다)

-공기가 빠진 후 손으로 출입문을 연다.

◎정전시에는 유도등을 따라 출구로 나간다.

◎어두운 경우에는 자세를 낮추어 빛이 보이는 쪽으로 대피한다.

◎노약자 순으로 우선대피시키고 가급적 화재 발생 장소로부터 반대방향과 지하철로 피난을 한다.

◎경계 및 대피 유도요원은 방연마스크를 반드시 착용하고 무선마이크, 랜턴 등을 휴대하여 유도 안내에 만전을 기하여야 한다.

◎자세를 낮추고 젖은 수건으로 입과 코를 감싸고 기민하게 행동한다.

*발화초기의 행동요령

최초로 불이나 연기 등 화재를 목격한 사람은 '불이야'하고 큰 소리로 주위사람들 에게 알리고, 경보설비가 있으면 비상벨을 누르고 전화로 방재센터나 소방서에 화재 발생 신고를 하여야 한다. 소방서에 화재 신고를 할 때에는 침착하게 화재 발생 장소, 위치 등을 상세히 설명해 주어야 한다. 화재가 초기일 때에는 침착하게 주위에 비치된 소화기나 옥내소화전을 이용하여 소화작업을 하고 만약 화재가 확대된 것으로 느껴지면 빨리 대피하는 것이 좋다.

This article highlights "ways to prevent subway tragedies".

Learn Korean Easily



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Single Consonants											
ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅋ	ㅌ
gu	nu	du	ru, lu	mu	bu	shu, su	ng	ju	chu	kuh	tuh
Double Consonants											
ㄲ		ㄸ		ㅃ		ㅆ		ㅉ		ㅊ	
ggu		ddu		bbu		ssu		jjju			
Single Vowels											
ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ	ㅣ		
ah	yah	uh	yoh	oh	yo	oo	you	ue	ee		
Double Vowels											
ㅘ	ㅙ	ㅚ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ	ㅣ				
ae	yeh	weh	wah	wuh	wee	ui					

Word of the week

진급

ㅈ; j, ㅊ; ee, ㄴ; n /
ㅈ; g, ㅊ; ue, ㅂ; p(b)

'jeen-guep'

promotion

The phrase of the week

"Congratulations on your promotion!"

진급 축하드립니다.

Jeen-guep choo-kah-dau-reem-nee-dah.

(your) promotion

Congratulations on

Conversation of the week

위로 진급되셨습니까?

What rank were you promoted to?

Mwuh-ro jeen-guep

dwae-syuh-suem-nee-ggah?

(일병)으로요.

To (Private First Class).

(Eel-byoung)-ue-ro-yo.

축하드립니다.

Congratulations.

Choo-kah-due-reem-nee-dah.

감사합니다.

Thank you.

Gahm-sah-hahm-nee-dah.

한턱 내세요.

You should treat (me to lunch).

Hahn-tuhk nae-sae-yo.

물론입니다.

Sure/O.K.

Mool-lohn-eem-nee-dah.

(상병) (sahng-byoung) (corporal)

(병장) (byoung-jahng) (sergeant)

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